

Response

The claims were amended in accordance with the amendments above. The amendments are being made to clarify the invention and to focus the claims on those aspects of the invention which are a commercial priority to the assignee. All of the amendments are fully supported by the specification, claims, and figures as originally filed. No new matter is believed or intended to be involved.

Applicant appreciates the courtesies extended during the telephonic interview with the Examiner on 08/30/2005. The claims have been amended as discussed in the interview. Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication during the interview that the claims as amended appeared to be patentable over the art of record. However, the Applicant acknowledges that the Examiner reserved the right to supplement his search.

As discussed in the interview, claim 21 was amended to recite that the container page comprises instructions to perform the act of selecting a second network path, and that these instructions are transmitted with the container page to the system of the recipient. Claim 34 was amended to recite that the second image and the second container page are sent along separate paths. New Claim 41 was added, and recites the subsequent image and subsequent container page are sent at different times (i.e. not contemporaneously). Applicant further notes that non-limiting examples of the recited "image" and "container page" in these claims may include JPEG files and HTML pages, respectively. (See p. 15, line 18 through p. 16, line 9 of the present specification.) Of course, Applicant has no intention of being limited to those particular embodiments, and this response should not be construed as a disclaimer of other embodiments.

To the extent that the amendments constitute a narrowing of the claims, such narrowing of the claims should not be construed as an admission as to the merits of the prior rejections. Indeed, Applicant traverses the rejections and preserves all rights and arguments.

Based on the foregoing, all pending claims are in a condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and an early notice of allowance.

Respectfully Submitted,



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